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ASK EPA!!

Questions and Answers about Asbestos and EPA's Investigation

O: What are the results of EPA's post-cleanup sampling?

EPA will continue to test cleanup effectiveness by sampling homes following cleanup completion. To date the results of this post-cleanup sampling are very encouraging.

Samples were taken 1-12 months after the cleanup while residents went about their usual activities in the home. The samples were from stationary indoor air samplers, dust samples and personal air samplers worn by residents.

Of 109 samples, EPA detected asbestos in five of them. These five were at very low levels, which would pass clearance sampling immediately after a cleanup.

Based on this first set of post-cleanup results, EPA is confident that the indoor cleanups being done are protective. More of this sampling and other sampling scenarios aimed at ensuring protectiveness will continue on an ongoing basis for the duration of the project.

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